MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The question of discharging the acting hands of the P. W. D., did not arise, as the amalgamation of the Water Works and Drainage Department with the P. W. D. had to be given effect to only after reducing the original strength of the staff of the Water Works and Drainage Department to the strength of the staff sanctioned for the various offices in the Water Works Section of the P. W. D.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether certain supervisors were relieved of their duties?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I cannot give a definite answer now. It is quite possible. Some were relieved and employed elsewhere.

Quarterly Civil List.

126 *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state; why the "Date of birth" column and the „Commencement of service" column in the current Quarterly Civil List are left vacant in the case of certain officers?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: *Date of birth.* The omission of entries in the column 'Date of birth' in certain cases is due to want of information and proof in regard to the date of birth of the officers concerned which have been called for. In the case of officers holding substantive gazetted appointments, officiating in another appointment, the date of birth is not entered against the officiating appointment, but only shown against their substantive appointment. Again in the case of Covenanted Officers and Officers appointed for limited periods, information in regard to date of birth is not called for, the same being unnecessary.

Commencement of service. This column is filled up only when the officer is confirmed in the cadre in which he is appointed.

Repatriation order of the Ceylon Government.

127 *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations by the Travancoreans in Ceylon with regard to the repatriation order of the Ceylon Government is contemplating to put into effect;

(*b*) the probable number of Travancoreans that may be affected by that order;

(*c*) whether any steps have been taken by our Government with regard to this matter; and

(*d*) if so the nature of the steps taken?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes; representations have been received from the Ceylon Malayali Mahajana Sabha.

(*b*) Government have no information.

(*c*) & (*d*) This Government have forwarded their views to the Government of India and sought to impress upon them the necessity to take effective measures for counter-acting the policy adopted by the Government of Ceylon which this Government recognise, affects prejudicially a large number of Travancoreans.

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MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know from Government whether they have got any idea of raising the duty on articles imported from Ceylon ?

PRESIDENT: Even if they have such an idea it cannot be divulged now because it will mean that people will make profit between now and the budget time.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether they have communicated the idea to the Ceylon Government?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The Dewan President has already raferred to the matter on the opening day. I have nothing more to add.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: I wish to know whether this Government has communicated the idea to the Ceylon Government?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No, Sir.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: May I know whether Government have made enquiries to the number of persons affected ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: They have made enquiries but the figures are not now available.

Proposal of the Government of Ceylon to repatriate Indian labour.

128 ***MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI.** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps in regard to the proposal of the Government of Ceylon to repatriate Indian Labour and the number of Travancoreans affected thereby ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Government have forwarded their views to the Government of India and sought to impress upon them the necessity to take effective measures for counteracting the policy adopted by the Government of Ceylon which this Government recognise affects prejudicially a large number of Travancoreans. Other steps are also in contemplation.

Applications to start English Middle Schools in 1113.

129 ***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN:** Will the Government be pleased :

(1) to lay on the table a statement showing the names &c. of persons who have applied for permission to start English Middle Schools in 1113, the places for which such applications have been received and the places for which sanction has been accorded ;

(2) to state whether they have granted permission to start any English Middle School or High School in any place in 1114 (up to 15-4-1114) ; and

(3) if so, will they be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names of the managers, the pakuthy and taluk in which such schools are situate, the classes allowed for each of such schools, the classes now held in them and the strength of such classes?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*): (1) A statement *is placed on the table.

(2) No.

(3) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (2)

**Vide* Appendix VI.

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